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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5702

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TAGS; BEXP, ES

SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: COMALAPA AIRPORT

REF: STATE 123591

1. ING REYES, CEPA'S OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SUBJECT PROJECT, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT SELECTION OF AIRPORT CONSULTANT(S) IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THAT AIRPORT LEGISLATION HAS STILL NOT BEEN APPROVED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY ASSEMBLY. HE ADDED THAT CEPA IS CONSIDERING HIRING SEVERAL CONSULTANTS, INCLUDING FAA'S STIRMINSKI, VIA A \$750,000 UNDP/ICAO GRANT FOR CONSULTING AND DESIGN (DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY HELD HERE WITH UNDP AND ICAO'S STEWARD).

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT THE JAPANESE ARE ONCE MORE IN THE PICTURE "BRINGING SWEET OFFERS" WHICH INCLUDE ABOUT \$24 MILLION

FOR CONSTRUCTION AT 4.5 PERCENT FOR 25 YEARS, PLUS 7 YEARS GRACE AND \$9 MILLION FOR ENGINEERING COSTS REQUIRING JAPANESE FIRMS TO DO RADAR,

NAVIGATION AND LIGHTING WORK. IT APPEARS THAT THE JAPANESE ADMIT THEY ARE NOT COMPETITIVE IN AIRPORT DESIGN, SO THEY WILL ALLOW GRANT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDS. THIS WOULD LEAVE THE CIVIL WORKS WITHIN WHICH THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IS BETWEEN \$5 AND \$6 MILLIONS (REF SAN SALVADOR 0863). CAMPBELL

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